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## Baptist Church





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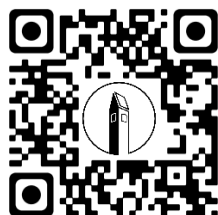
# an inclusive community of faith

Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

We are so glad you've chosen to join us this week. Greenwood Forest Baptist Church is an inclusive community of faith, which means we welcome, affirm, and include all God's people in their diversity of genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We are each beloved by God and we are happy to welcome you to our church this morning exactly as you are.

*If you need a hearing assistance device, they are available at the back of the sanctuary.*

*Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera if in attendance.*



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# Order of Worship

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

One Thing Remains

Jesus Culture

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efrid

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (Psalm 34:15-22)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,

People: God's ears are open to their cry.

Leader: The face of the LORD is against evildoers,

People: To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

Leader: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,

People: And rescues them from all their troubles.

Leader: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted,

People: And saves the crushed in spirit.

Leader: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

People: But the LORD rescues them from them all.

Leader: God keeps all their bones;

People: Not one of them will be broken.

Leader: Evil brings death to the wicked,

People: And those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

Leader: The LORD redeems the servant's lives;

People: None of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.

Invocation

Rev. Spears-Newsome

Gathering Hymn (1, 2, & 4)

God of the Women

*(see page 3)*

# God of the Women

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1998

Slane  
ancient Irish ballad



1. God of the wo - men who ans - wered your call,
2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' Way,
3. God of the wo - men long put to the test,
4. God of the wo - men who ran from the tomb,
5. O God of Phoe - be and mi - ni - sters all,



Trust - ing your pro - mi - ses, giv - ing their all,  
Giv - ing their re - sour - ces, learn - ing to pray,  
Left out of sto - ries, for - got - ten, op - pressed,  
Prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,  
May we be joy - ful in an - swering your call.



Wo - men like Sa - rah and Han - nah and Ruth—  
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - nah, and more—  
Qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"—  
Then felt your Spi - rit on Pen - te - cost Day—  
Give us the strength of your Spi - rit so near



Give us their cour - age to live in your truth.  
May we give free - ly as they did be - fore.  
In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.  
May we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.  
That we may share in your mi - ni - stry here.

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Offertory Prayer

Greg Upchurch

Presentation of the Offering

OLD HUNDREDTH

Transcendent God, we bless your name,  
Incarnate Christ, the risen one,  
The Spirit with us, Immanent,  
The Source, the Word, the Breath of Life! Amen.

Backpack Blessing

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Stacks

*We affirm each prayer with the following response:*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

*We conclude the Prayers of the People with the Lord's Prayer:*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 8:1-3

Rev. Spears-Newsome

*We affirm the reading of Scripture with the following response:*

Reader: The word of God for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Anthem

## Daughters of Zion

## Porter's Gate

When will the truth come out?  
When will your justice roll down?  
When will your kingdom come  
And evil be undone?  
When will the wicked kneel  
And the abused be healed?  
When will our sisters speak  
With no more shame or fear?

Out of the miry clay  
We will rise up someday  
Sorrow won't always last  
The dark will surely pass  
Woe to the wicked ones  
For what their hands have done  
God is our righteous judge  
And he will raise us up

How long? How long?  
When will the daughters of Zion rejoice  
In the house of the Lord?

So let your justice roll down  
Let your justice roll down

## Sermon

## The Loyal Patrons

Rev. Efird

## Hymn

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

*(see page 5)*

## Benediction

Rev. Efird

## Postlude

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*The music today is led by Catherine Glasgow, Sean Glasgow, and Stephen Stacks.*

# A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

1 A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar, by Love's di-vine ap-  
 2 A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb by Love's di-vine com-  
 3 Though wom-an-wis-dom, wom-an-truth, for cen-tu-ries were  
 4 The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls, by Love's di-vine or-

point-ing. With rare per-fume she filled the room, pre-  
 mis-sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a-  
 hid-den, un-sung, un-writ-ten, and un-heard, de-  
 dain-ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their

sid-ing and a-noint-ing. A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar,  
 ris-ing from sub-mis-sion. A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb,  
 rid-ed and for-bid-den, the Spir-it's breath, the Spir-it's fire,  
 powers and gifts un-chain-ing. The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls,

the sneers of scorn de-fy-ing. With rare per-fume she  
 with res-ur-rec-tion gos-pel. She saw; she heard; she  
 on free and slave de-scend-ing, can tum-ble our di-  
 from wom-en, men, and chil-dren, the friends we need, to

filled the room, pre-par-ing Christ for dy-ing.  
 preached the Word, a-pos-tle to a-pos-tles.  
 vid-ing walls, our shame and sad-ness mend-ing.  
 serve and lead. Re-joice, and make them wel-come!



# **Fundraiser & Kickoff**

**September 12**

**@ 5:00pm**

BBQ + Auction  
Crafts + Games  
and more!

*If you have something to contribute to the auction (e.g., art, food, stays at beach or mountain houses, etc.), please contact Toni Beal at [toni.beal@gmail.com](mailto:toni.beal@gmail.com)!*



### ► Staff Anniversary: Stephen Stacks

From the Personnel Committee:

Greenwood Forest called Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, our Associate Pastor for Worship and Faith Formation, into ministry with us on August 15, 2012. During his 9 years of faithful ministry to us he has graced us with beautiful and inspiring music in our worship services. Under his guidance and encouragement our Praise Team, Adult Choir and Ensembles, as well as our Children's Choirs have risen to superior levels of musical competence over significantly challenging musical arrangements that enhance congregational singing and lift our spirits. A testament to his spiritual guidance can be heard in the vocalized amens from the worshipers who gather here each Sunday morning. Stephen is also an esteemed theologian and all of his inspiring faith formation studies have educated us, challenged us, inspired us, and guided our study and commitment to anti-racism and equal rights protection for all people. Stephen, we love and appreciate you and your family today as we honor and celebrate your ministry and pastoral service to our church.

### ► Ways to Serve at GFBC

At the August 15 Business Meeting, we approved a host of people ready to serve the church in the upcoming year. Thank you to everyone who is already committed to investing in the life of the church. We couldn't do it without your help!

We still need some help with a few things.

We need volunteers who can serve occasionally in the **children's ministry** on Sunday mornings, including in the brand new Wonder Room! You need to be able to be kind and caring with our children, be trained in the Abuse Prevention Policy, and pass a background check. You do not need to be prepared to develop lesson plans or prepare for Sunday mornings. Contact Rev. Dr. Stacks if you're interested!

We need similar volunteers for the **youth ministry** and two roles in the **Family Promise** program — coordinating overnight hosts and coordinating laundry. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Spears-Newsome.

We also need volunteers for the **congregational care ministry** who are willing to visit, call, and pray for members of our church. If you are interested, contact Rev. Efird.

## ► A Penny For Housing

One of the founding issues member institutions of ONE Wake selected to address was housing in Wake County. ONE Wake is currently addressing housing in different campaigns among the various municipalities in Wake County. The Cary campaign is called **A Penny For Housing**. The Town of Cary has plans for creating and preserving affordable housing, but it has invested few local resources to implement those plans. Meanwhile, everyone from teachers, healthcare workers, first responders, service sector employees, people on disability, and others we know, care about, and depend on can't afford to live in Cary anymore. **ONE Wake is asking that the Cary Town Council prioritize a budget that sees a penny of the Town's tax rate go toward creating and preserving affordable housing.**

You can find out more details at [onewake.org/penny\\_for\\_housing\\_cary](https://onewake.org/penny_for_housing_cary) and join the campaign at [onewake.org/10000strong](https://onewake.org/10000strong) where we are collecting names on a petition supporting this plan in the Town of Cary.

## ► Ways to Tithe

- Set up an automated bank draft by filling out a form requested from the church office, attaching a voided check, and mailing it back to the church office.
- Set up auto pay through you bank using the "Bill Pay" function. Then, your bank will mail a check to the church weekly or monthly.
- Give online through the church website at [gfbccary.org/give](https://gfbccary.org/give).

## ► July 2021 Finance Update

*Updated when the previous month's books have closed.*

	July 2021	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$51,113	\$598,640
Congregational Giving Target	\$53,624	\$647,970
Congregational Giving Under/Over	\$(2,511)	(\$49,330)
Other Receipts	\$128,186	\$149,621
Total Giving and Receipts	\$179,300	\$748,261
Total Disbursements	\$59,262	\$687,555
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	\$120,038	\$60,706
Together We Build	\$3,108	\$118,851

## PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

### ► Prayer List\*

Jim Allen  
Nell Allen  
Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)  
Don Beal  
Gilles Bikindou  
Laura Crook  
Sharon Edmondson  
Louise Faulkner  
Dennis Gilpin (Elaine Dodson's friend)  
Elizabeth Harvey  
James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)  
Janet Merriman (Roz Slawson's friend)  
Sylvia Morgan  
Betty Patterson (Doris Martin's sister)  
Harold and Gerry Ritter (at the death of Harold's nephew, Eric Ritter)  
Dan Scott (Ken Scott's brother)  
Fred Seeger  
Elaine Whisnant  
Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)  
Our partner church, Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

*\*To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.*

### ► Prayer for the Week

Wild and wondrous God  
Creator of all  
Spirit of life and love and liberation  
Mother and Lover  
and Conspirator and Friend  
Tender tender of possibility and dream:

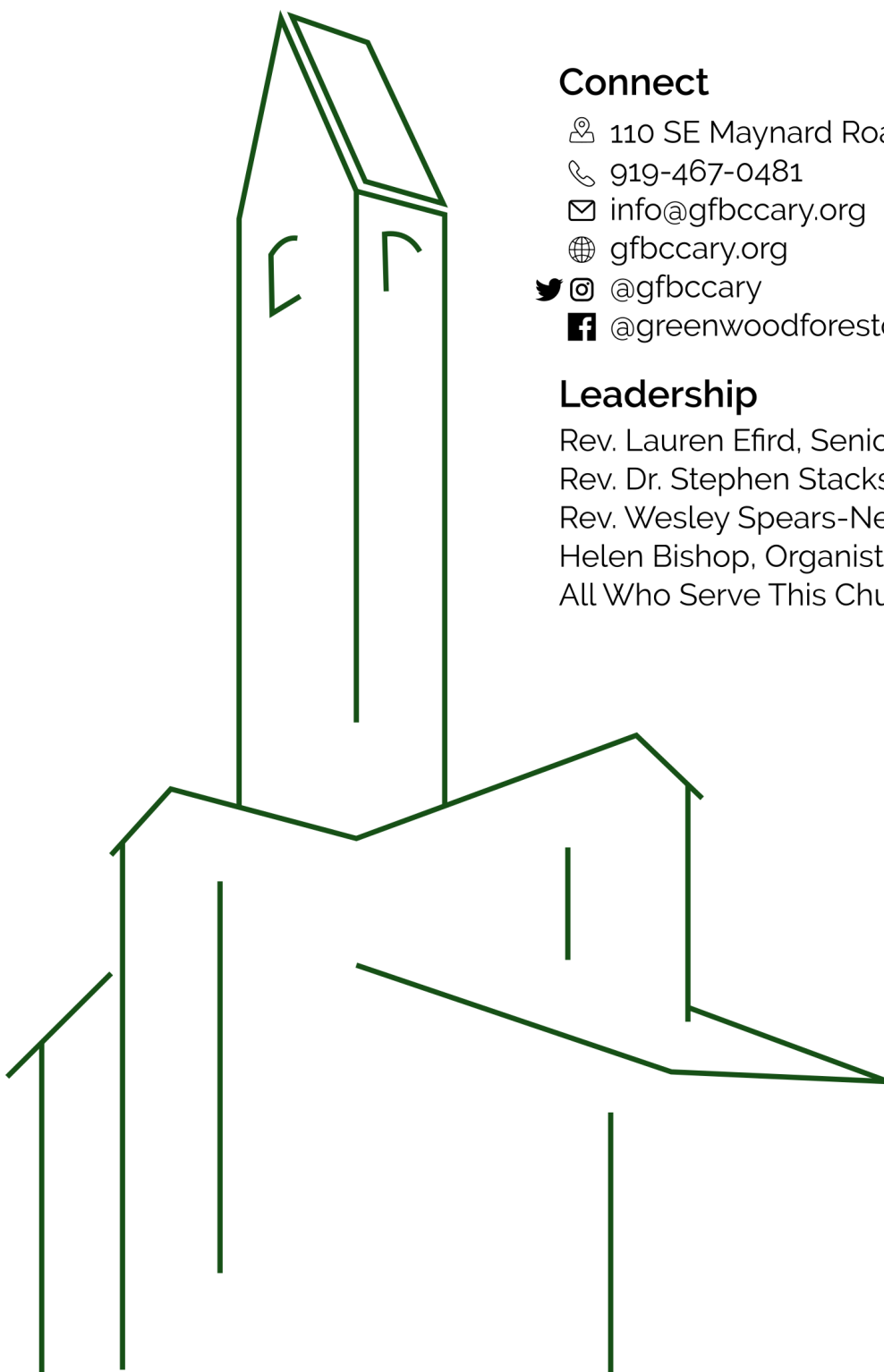
You have called us together,  
in this time, and this place  
and so, here we are:

full of wisdom and wondering  
full of hope and fear  
weariness and longing  
passion and pain.

Unleash your wild power in us,  
we pray.  
Deepen our connection with You  
and with each other  
Deepen our capacity to hear the  
voices of those too often silenced,  
to honor the presence of those  
too often erased,  
to center the wisdoms of those  
too often pushed to the margins,  
That we might bear witness  
to the complex truths  
of our wholly holy lives  
and the complex needs  
of your beautiful, broken world.

Amen.

Rev. Anna Blaedel for [enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com)



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## Leadership

Rev. Lauren Efird, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church